



Ohio Association of  
Community Action Agencies

**Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
August 19, 2016  
Sheraton Hotel  
75 E State St,  
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

**Members Present:** Tom Reed, President; David Brightbill, First Vice-President; Gwen Robinson, Second Vice President; Ruthann House, Treasurer; Janice Warner, Secretary; Joshua Anderson; Joe Devany; David Shea; Judith Barris; Douglas Bennett; Ken Kempton; Gary Ricer; Steve Sturgill; Anita Maldonado; Kellie Ailes; Al Norris; Bambi Baughn; Jeffrey Diver, Rodney Reasonover; Robert Chilton; Malcolm Costa.

**Members Excused:** Deb Gerken; Gary Obloy.

**Staff Present:** Philip E. Cole, Executive Director; Josh Summer, Development Director; Greg Bollenbacher, Fiscal Director; Kathryn A. Clausen, Communications Director; Lorie McClain, Program Manager; Neva Dunn, Office Manager, Jeannette M. Jarrett; Operations and Support Assistant.

**Guests Present:** Mary Pockl, Zeno, Pockl, Lilly & Copeland; Jim Mermis, The Junto Company; Paul Kudlak, The Junto Company; Larry Price, L. Price and Associates; Steve Wilson, Muskingum Economic Opportunity Action Group Inc.; Cheryl Grice, Pathway; Tim Donnellan, Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area; Jackie Boehnlein, Lorain County Community Action Agency, Inc.

Mr. Reed called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Ms. Dunn called the roll; a quorum was established.

Mr. Diver motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Anderson seconded. The motion passed.

Ms. House motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Shea seconded. The motion passed.

**Finance Report: Ruthann House**

Ms. House discussed the audit report that was reviewed in detail during the OCATO meeting and stated no concerns were presented. Mr. Devany made a motion to accept the audit. Mr. Sturgil seconded. The motion passed.

Ms. House reviewed the financial report and stated there were no concerns. Mr. Shea motioned to approve the financial report and place on file for audit. Ms. Warner second. The motion passed.

**President's Report: Tom Reed**

No report.



### **Executive Director's Report: Philip E. Cole**

Mr. Cole discussed the rule change on Head Start and publicly funded childcare, which goes into effect on September 3, 2016. He stated the network and providers were not notified of the requests for public comments prior to the memo notification released by ODJFS. Mr. Cole further stated the Governor could approve an Executive Order emergency rule change or legislation may be adopted to change the new rule interpretation. He stated several members of the House are not pleased with the new rule. He encouraged directors to contact their legislators and discuss how the rule change will affect children served. Discussion.

Mr. Cole continued his report discussing HEAP and a potential move of the program from DSA to ODJFS. No information has been confirmed. Mr. Diver commented that by administering HEAP at CAAs additional wrap-around services can be utilized to better assist customers. Discussion.

Mr. Cole reported that provisions in H.B. 394 for Unemployment Compensation had been rumored to be adjusted from the original bill. As introduced, the bill included a sliding benefits scale of twelve to twenty weeks of compensation instead of the current twenty-six weeks of benefits. Many people believe the bill will be amended to go to twenty weeks. The employee handbook provision is also under review—specifically how employees can be fired and not receive unemployment compensation. The committee will resume discussions in September and October to prepare for a November vote.

Mr. Cole also discussed the progress of S.B. 30 for the creation of the Family Stability Commission, sponsored by Representative Charletta Tavares. The commission would review poverty and barriers to help families overcome poverty. He expressed his support for the bill and Rep. Tavares' commitment to helping low-income Ohioans.

Mr. Cole provided an update on the Weatherization rebid for disputed territories. He stated DSA is awaiting approval from DOE to move forward. Three agencies will be involved in the rebidding process. All other territories should receive a contract soon.

### **Partnership Report: Andrew "Joe" Devany**

Mr. Devany reported that the Partnership finances are in very good shape according to the most recent report to the Partnership board. Mr. Devaney also stated he is running for the office of Treasurer at the Partnership and appreciates the support of the Ohio network. There are over 1,000 registered participants at the upcoming conference in August. He noted that Mr. David Bradley would lead the tour of the LBJ library, which is included in the registration package but that space is limited for the tour.

Mr. Devany continued his report by stating ROMA comments have been submitted and copies should have been received by all agencies. Comments included ROMA Next Generation to require states to rate CAAs who pass 100% of the Standards and report those who do not meet them, which was not the intention of the Standards Committee as it was not developed to be a pass/fail system. Comments also included concerns about the increased amount of time necessary to collect the data and generate reports, which will take away from CSBG funds and services.



Mr. Devany also reported interest from the Kellogg Foundation to work with Community Action on a national level to develop solutions for violence and poverty issues. The Partnership is investigating a potential partnership.

#### **CAPLAW Report: David Brightbill**

Mr. Brightbill reported that the CAPLAW would be adding two new board members in November.

#### **Legislative Committee Report: David Brightbill**

No report.

#### **Public Relations Report: Janice Warner**

Ms. Warner deferred the report to Ms. Clausen. Ms. Clausen stated the next PR Group conference call would be held the mid-September. She also stated the OACAA Facebook page is now a verified account. Ms. Clausen discussed that the staff is researching a mobile application to use in place of the printed program at conferences. Ms. Clausen contacted CAPLAW and received a referral for the app used at their most recent conference; a preview app was briefly shown to Mr. Reasonover. Printed programs will not be immediately discontinued. Mr. Brightbill stated the app used at the CAPLAW event was very useful.

Ms. Clausen updated the board on the progress of the Legacy Project, which will be discussed in detail with the committee next month to determine adjustments that may need to be made. Additional visits for the year have been scheduled.

Ms. Clausen also distributed a survey document to the network to ask the board's input on conferences. The survey was developed by Ms. Dunn and Ms. Clausen and is meant to be all-inclusive but not specific to one individual conference. She asked that board members review and complete the document before leaving the meeting.

#### **Training and Development Committee Report: Rodney Reasonover**

Ms. McClain encouraged agencies to send staff to the free upcoming trainings.

#### **Best Practices Committee Report: Bambi Baughn**

No report. Ms. Baugh thanked Ms. Clausen and the network for their work and attendance during the awards ceremony.

#### **Social Enterprise Committee: Robert "Bo" Chilton**

Mr. Chilton stated the committee's original charge had been fulfilled. He asked the board to consider creating a new charge for the committee or to disband the committee.

#### **Membership Committee Report: Gwen Robinson**

Ms. Robinson stated the committee is working together to determine a suitable project for the members.

#### **Personnel Committee**

No report.



**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Mr. Reed stated that COAD recently awarded Mr. Dave Hackel of Applied Energy Products and Sales an Outstanding Service Award for their work throughout the network. Mr. Norris was also awarded the Marvin Husted Outstanding Award.

Mr. Diver updated the board on the Ohio Healthier Buckeye Program. He stated legislators are working to make the program long-term though nothing has been confirmed. He will keep the network updated as more information becomes available.

**Open Dialogue**

None.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Reed called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 p.m. Ms. Warner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Anderson seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

**End:**

Respectfully submitted,

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Janice W. Warner, Secretary

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Date